

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

How Is It That Everything Grows in Chicago Except the Schools?

Chicago Built the "White City," Costing \$30,000,000, While 60,000 Children Were Out of School.

The new Roman Catholic paper (mis-named democratic) published in this city ridicules the idea of any society being organized to perpetuate our public free school system. In order to show the various ways Rome has of depriving American and foreign born children of a public school education, I call the reader's attention to the facts disclosed at the educational congress on the 31st of July last, from which it appears that 60,000 children in the city of Chicago, entitled under the laws of Illinois to an education, were deprived of it, because there was not room for them in the schools. How comes it that everything in Chicago, except the schools, grow with its growth? How comes it that in addition to the expenditure of millions of dollars for parks, nurseries and convents, Chicago could build the "white city" by the lake at a cost of \$30,000,000, while 60,000 children are deprived of that accommodation in the schools that belongs to them by law? Is it not time that Chicago woke up and placed Americans on the school board who are not under the Romist influence? Rome well understands that the more ignorant a man is, the better he can be controlled by the church.

The pope has lately decreed that America is to have a patron saint, and Columbus is the personage selected for canonization. The idea used to be that saints were those whose lives had been devoted to acts of piety or fanaticism, and there is not known to have been anything specially pious about the adventurous sailor who re-discovered the new world. But the pope settles the matter. He has informed the Columbian minister of his intention, and that the first step toward its fulfillment—the beautification—will soon be taken. At the same time, France is to have a new patron in St. Joan of Arc, and both beautifications are to be held together. Almost every other country has its saint. St. George does duty for England, St. Andrew for Scotland, St. David for Wales, St. Patrick for Ireland, St. Denis for France, St. Anthony for Italy, St. James for Spain, St. Sebastian for Portugal and St. Nicholas for Russia. But why St. Denis is to have a supporter is not stated.

What Columbus will be called when added to the saintly catalogue is not announced. There is already a St. Christopher, so that a new title will apparently have to be chosen. I take the liberty to suggest "Saint Idolatrous."

Visitors at the World's Fair wonder why they are requested to remove their hats while viewing the relics and documents of Columbus in the La Rabada monastery. I could not understand the reason of this request until I saw the oil painting in the Mexican exhibit entitled "Torment of Cuauhtemoc," where you see those devoted Spaniards roasting the feet of the poor Indian in order to make him give up his gold, for gold is the Roman god, and this is the way they have of showing their respect for its worshippers.

On August 12th at the corner of Peoria and Madison streets, Chicago, Americans could have witnessed a good illustration of Rome rule: Mrs. Emma Rice, the Evangelist, attempted to lecture on the lives of St. Peter and Paul, before a crowd of about 3,000 people. She had hardly commenced to talk before she was assaulted with rotten eggs, musk-melons and other missiles. She stood her ground manfully until she was bruised from head to foot, when she fainted, and it was with difficulty that she was carried away from the mob. Prior to the meeting Captain Mahoney had been applied to for police protection. None, however, was furnished. The police who were on the outskirts of the crowd did not attempt to interfere, and no arrests were made. This is a fair specimen of Rome's idea of freedom and liberty of speech. The Chicago police force is so rank that a large number have recently been discharged on account of their being in league with the criminal classes. Is it not time for the better class of Roman Catholics to combine with the A. P. A.'s to put men on the police force who are not criminals? The fact that they are in good standing in the church is not a sufficient reason why this class of men should hold offices as peace protectors.

A Model Detective Agency.

The church of Rome has, by means of her secret confessional, a systematized detective service that excels any in this or any country, says the Wo-

man's Voice. Every servant girl or man, every clerk in office or store is a member of this spy system, that confesses to a priest. Thus oft-times are the home secrets of American families made known to the parish priest. Every day gives numerous instances of the result of priestly interference with Protestant households through servant girl confession. If Protestants would make themselves better acquainted with the craft, in this line, of the priests of Rome in the past, they would be more on guard and so save themselves from becoming the prey of Romish conspiracy. Read the history of Queen Elizabeth's time, and see the part that priests made servants play in their plots for the destruction of the Protestant cause. We believe that history is today repeating itself in this respect as well as in many others. A word to the wise is sufficient, so at least declares the book of books. The following will explain our meaning:

A London contemporary writes as follows: A recent visitor to Ireland describes the control which the Romish priesthood exercise. Domestic servants are chiefly Romanists. It was noticed in several families that conversation was checked on the entrance of the waitress, and altogether stopped when the subject was religious. A recent pamphlet, describing the conversion of a Romanist, had been condemned by

where she married a man by the name of McLaughlin, with whom she lived in Wyoming until his death about two years ago. She then returned to Omaha, where she has since lived until her decease. She leaves an estate, money and land worth at least \$12,000. She had no children, and her only relatives now living are in Ireland, to whom she repeatedly had said she intended to leave her property. About a year since she had an attorney in Omaha prepare for her a will by which she was to dispose of her property, but she had been from her Ireland home and friends so long she was unable to clearly identify the persons she was desirous of making the beneficiaries under her will. For that reason, at the suggestion of her attorney, in August, 1892, she visited Ireland and her old home, and in November of the same year she returned to Omaha, told her attorney that she had found certain of her relatives living in whom she wanted to give her property when she was done with it, and a day was fixed by her to meet her attorney and prepare the will. She called at the office of the attorney, but he was employed in court, and the matter drifted along until she was taken sick, taken to the Catholic hospital, and the day she died they sent for a lawyer, a will was prepared by him, Dr. Riley was named therein as executor, and all of her

DULUTH NEWS.

Dropped From the Rolls.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 26.—Editor AMERICAN: Robert Smalley, the police sergeant who delighted in knocking Swedes and Protestants about, has been dropped from the rolls, by order of the city council. His case was published in full in THE AMERICAN of August 18.

A Petition.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 24.—Following is a copy of a petition handed to the Duluth city council. Omaha does not stand alone in the world with this kind of troubles disgracing her police force. This is Duluth's second case within a month wherein Catholic officers have been charged with allowing their religious feelings to get the better of their judgment. The petition speaks plainly, and reads:

"Your petitioner, the undersigned Baldwin A. Walker, would respectfully represent unto your honorable body that he is now, and has been for the greater portion of the time since the month of June, 1892, a resident of the city of Duluth, Minn., that during that period he has been a law-abiding citizen; that for several weeks past Thomas Hayden, a policeman and detective of said city, has exhibited a violent prejudice against your petitioner. That on the 11th day of August, 1893, at said city of Duluth, said Hayden used the

the mayor and city attorney, with a request to investigate and report back to the council. If the above proves to be true, Tommy Hayden is in danger of losing his valued position. He may then seek pastures new where Catholic rule, and the church and state are virtually one.

A Republican Speaks.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., August 14.—Editor AMERICAN, Dear Sir: In your paper of August 13 I read the president's address to the pope, through Cardinal Gibbons. Why is it that Cleveland thinks more of Pope Leo XIII. than he does of the people in the United States? Those who elected him did not think for one moment that he would pay more attention to Rome than he would to the people of the United States. It is an insult to all American-born citizens to read such letters. Let every true American patriot stand up and say, we have had enough of Romanism and enough of Cardinal Gibbons' Rome ruling in the executive mansion at Washington. Such letters show what the democratic party is. It works on Rome rule, and they say Rome must rule. Our people have begun to get their eyes open. Last fall it made no difference as to the party—whether republican, democratic or independent. Now we hear our Protestant democrats say it is a shame to

OBJECTED TO THE FLAG.

National Guardsmen Resent an Insult From Governor Altgeld.

There is serious trouble in the national guard, and nothing but the good discipline of the First and Second regiments, D history, and troop A, of this city, prevented a mutiny at Camp Altgeld, where the state troops were camped yesterday.

It was all caused by the appearance of the Irish flag in place of the regular state colors in the ranks of the Seventh regiment—liberian rifles. It is prescribed by the military laws of Illinois that the state troops of Illinois shall carry both the national and state flags, so yesterday when the Irish command marched into camp with the Illinois colors discarded and those of Ireland substituted for them it caused a murmur of disapproval to run through the entire camp. It is said that Colonel C. R. E. Koch, of the First, and Colonel Louis S. Judd, of the Second, sent word to General Wheeler, commanding the Chicago brigade, that they desired the flag removed at once or desired permission to remove their commands regardless of circumstances. General Wheeler replied that as the flag had been placed there by order of the adjutant-general—which, as everyone acquainted with military affairs knows, means the governor, for the adjutant-

general has no authority to issue such an order except when told to do so by the governor, and not by himself, he could not order it removed, but requested as a personal favor that the two officers allow their commands to remain.

Both officers complied with General Wheeler's request as a favor to himself, but the men were not so liberal, and many smothered exclamations of disgust were heard among them.

"I wish we had a few hundred rounds of ammunition, that we might fill the thing full of holes," said a well-known sergeant. Another, later in the day, suggested that it be taken by force and burned, and immediately found a following of two or three hundred men from the commands all over the state, but the flag had been concealed.

Aside from the excitement the event caused yesterday there is an after effect that is liable to be far more serious to the guard. An officer of one of the city regiments, in speaking of the affair, said: "It is an insult to the Illinois National Guard, and every officer and man in the service outside of the regiment which perpetrated the insult resents it as such. Speaking for my own regiment, I can say that there are ten or fifteen of our officers who will never be compelled to participate in an affair of this kind again, for we shall resign within the next two weeks. Of course we recognize the motive as a political one. Altgeld is doing all he can to catch the Irish support for United States senator, and this is only one of his many ways in which he has used the national guard to aid his political schemes."

It is expected that other regiments may be affected in the same way, and a great reduction in the officers' roster of the guard is probable in the next few weeks.

A member of the Second regiment, in which there are many Irishmen, said: "This is in bad taste and inexcusable. During the war for the Union Irish regiments were allowed to carry a green flag with the state coat-of-arms on it, instead of the usual blue state flag. But the Illinois National Guard is made up of state regiments, and while the Second regiment is largely made up of Irish-Americans, no one in the regiment ever thought of putting aside the state flag. To do so on Illinois day at the fair was simply idiotic."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

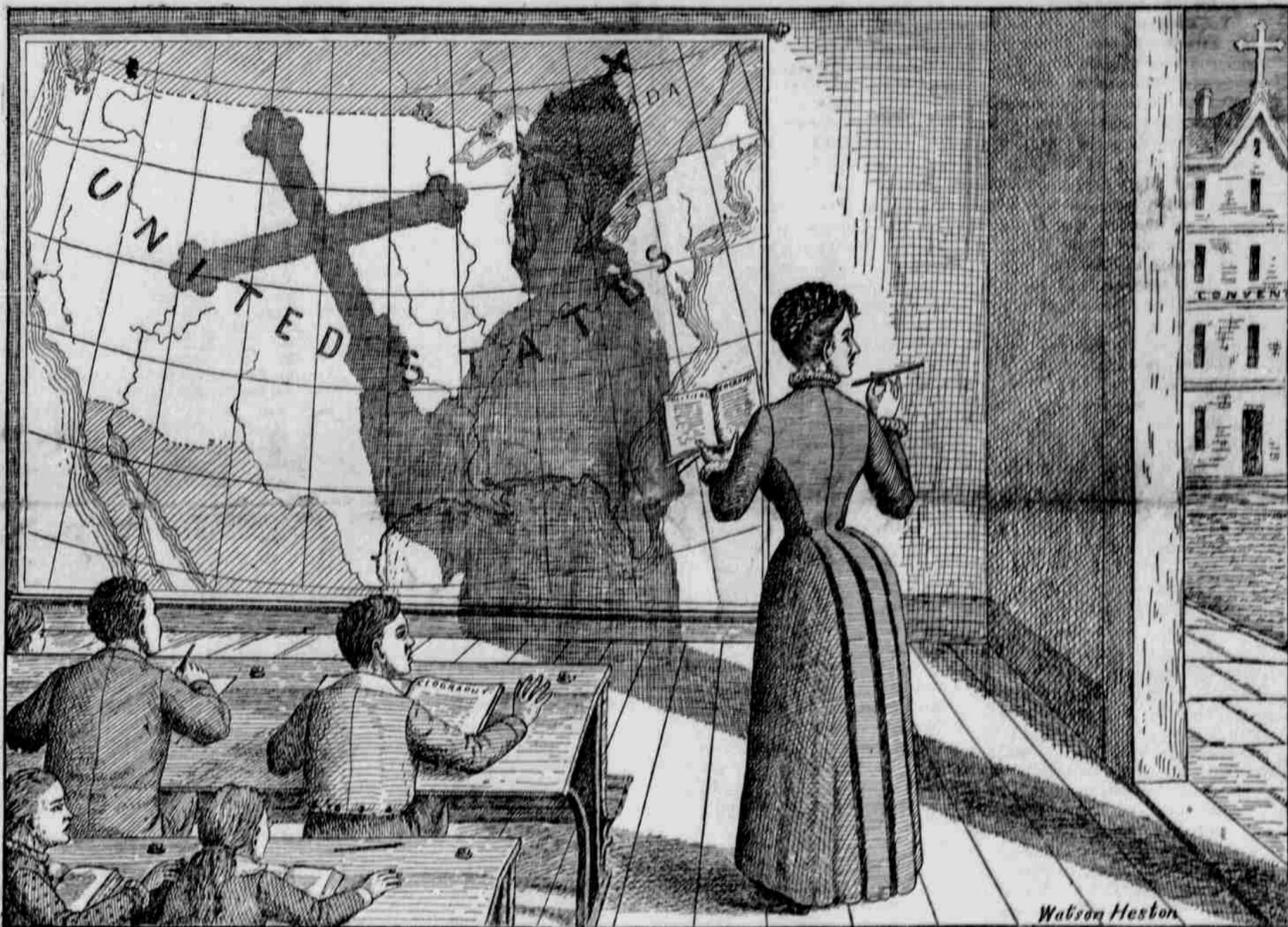
Kind Words.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—AMERICAN PUBLISHING Co., Gentlemen: I am sorry for the delay in sending you the money so long due. I would not miss your paper for twice its cost. I have seen, and do see, a great many publications in the interest of Americans, as opposed to our great arch enemy on the Tiber and his followers, but I have never seen a paper more true, out-spoken and to the point than yours.

For Garfield Council No. 9, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, I can assure you its members are working hard to accomplish its objects, and your paper is often spoken of, and gives inspiration to as noble a set of men and true Americans as you will often meet. Respectfully yours,

Too Free.

It is difficult for Americans, in their magnanimity to believe, however realistic may be the story, that government and other agencies in Europe have deliberately conducted their diseased, filthy, vicious and criminal drags of society, by ocean steamers as sewers, into cesspools made of the ports and towns of the United States. But such is the fact, established by evidence convincing and cumulative.—Beatrice Tribune.



THE SHADOW OF POPY IN OUR SCHOOLS.

the priests. A copy mysteriously disappeared from the drawing room; another was obtained. This also disappeared. No doubt was entertained as to the cause. The wife of the resident manager of a principal bank had spoken to her maid on religious subjects. The bishop wrote to the directors, threatening to withdraw the "Catholic" deposits unless the manager was dismissed. The directors declined, saying they were responsible for the manager, but not for his wife. A farmer was ordered to dismiss two of his men for attending Mr. Moody's services. It is the prevailing conviction that all which is said and done in the household is known to the priest through the confessional. The servant has two masters, and the paramount authority is not that of the head of the house.

Will Contest.

There is now pending in the county court the contest of a will which is signed by "Mary McKerny." The will appears in regular form and is regular on its face, but the heirs of the dead woman are contesting it.

These heirs say that the name signed to the will is not the name of the dead woman; that at the time she is represented as having signed the will she was in extremis, did not know what she was doing, and did not know her own name.

The will was executed but a few hours before her death, and by the terms of the instrument she gave all of her property to certain Catholic institutions in this city. She died at the Catholic hospital February 22, 1893, to which place she had been taken prior to her death.

The woman was of Irish birth. Some ten years since she was divorced from her husband, Edward McKenna, when she removed from Omaha to Wyoming,

estate was given to the Catholics by the terms of the will that was so prepared. The relatives in Ireland are now contesting the will, and the end is hidden in mystery.—Omaha Mercury.

An Independent View.

It seems that Pope Leo, in his encyclical on labor, has attacked the scriptures—that which he himself says is the word of God—in his attempt to place a thing above man, and make it more powerful in directing human affairs. God gave to man dominion over all the earth; the pope tries to reverse this and give the thing (money) dominion over man; and yet the pope pretends to be governed in all things by the word of God.

If the pope is as ignorant of the science of government as he is of the scriptures, he certainly is an unsafe teacher; and if he is as ignorant of the laws of common sense as he is of the laws of nature, his advice to American citizens upon any question pertaining to their temporal happiness does not amount to much. The only animal with which he can be compared is a democratic or republican politician.—Beatrice Tribune.

Is It a Fact?

It would be interesting to know the grounds for the expectation which is said to be cherished at the Vatican that Satoli, the representative of the pope in the United States, will soon be officially recognized by the government of this republic. If President Cleveland, or anybody authorized to speak for him, has promised such an un-American recognition of an ecclesiastical authority the fact should be made known to millions of people who feel that nothing of the kind can be tolerated in a country of civil and religious freedom.—Cleveland Daily Leader.

following language towards your petitioner, viz: "You d—d dirty Protestant — — —, I will make you leave town," and thereafter that said Hayden, in furtherance of his malicious purposes towards your petitioner, on the 14th day of August, 1893, while your petitioner was in a drug store in said city, wantonly and without the least provocation whatever, then and there arrested your petitioner and compelled him to go with him to the common jail of said city, and then and there incarcerated your petitioner therein, where he remained from 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of said day as a prisoner, when he was released therefrom, as he was advised, by order of the chief of police of said city, there being no charge whatever preferred against him.

"That said Hayden so arrested your petitioner on the pretext that he was a vagrant, when in truth and in fact your petitioner at the time of his arrest had in his pocket the sum of \$17.55 in cash, good notes worth, and in fact valued at \$475, and had upon his person a gold watch and chain worth the sum of \$75, all of which was known to Hayden immediately after the arrest of your petitioner.

"That said Hayden, in the arrest of your petitioner, under the color of his office and authority as policeman, in order to gratify his personal and religious bigotry, not only perpetrated a permanent injury upon your petitioner but brought well-defined disgrace upon the administration of the government of the city of Duluth, thereby evidenced that he is not only wholly unworthy to hold the position he has disgraced, but destitute of the comprehension of the rights due an American citizen.

"Wherefore your petitioner asks your honorable body to take such action as may be proper in the premises." The communication was referred to

read of our president addressing Pope Leo XIII, as he did in his last letter. Our independent party people in this part of the county were a majority from the republican party. They say that they were foolish for voting as they did, for their party helped Cleveland into office. They can see after it is too late. I am a republican to the back bone, and if those that left the republican party had stayed to the old party we would have a republican president today; not one that would listen to Cardinal Gibbons and thank that old Italian devil that is in that vatican on the Tiber, and for the great interest that he has in America.

May God enlighten every Protestant so he may see that he is in danger, and that he must put his hand to the helm and work for liberty. We see right at home that the Irish Catholic wants things his own way. Even in the school meetings they try to get a Catholic school board, but thank God the Protestants got the majority, and the Irish Catholics "are not in it," as the saying is. I hope they will get left; they must drop from office, or we poor "heretics," as we are called, will be banished from the face of the earth.

We know Romanism is doing all it can to down our public school system and stop free speech. Think for one moment, you Protestant people, and see the condition you are in. As things stand at the present time, we are almost ruled by Roman Catholics. All our navy, or war department, is ruled by Catholics; our president, Mr. Cleveland, is ruled by a Catholic. If a Catholic officer has done wrong enough to be expelled from office, all they do is notify Cardinal Gibbons; he goes to Cleveland and says that officer must stay, so the president keeps that man. Why does he keep him? Because Rome rules him. If a Protestant officer does not do half the wrong, he is kicked out and a Catholic put in his place. The only way that we can accomplish the overthrow of Rome is by the ballot. So let us all work in unison, regardless of politics, for we have a great work to do.

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